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Corey Thurston
Western Clay Company
620 East State Hwy 24
Aurora UT 84620

Subject: Partial Release of Reclaimed Acreage, Western Clay Company, Redmond Limestone Company, M/041/0004, Task ID# 2125, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thurston:

On December 5, 2007, the Division received your request was to release 10.76 acres of the current 17.28 acres currently permitted. This area was reclaimed in 2002. Your request indicated that the vegetation has been re-established, as required. The division inspected this site on November 20, 2007. The inspection concluded that vegetation has been re-established on the reclaimed area and recommended release of this area.

The Division's review of the submitted materials however found that only 10.14 acres could be released at this time. The discrepancy in acreage is due to the fact that the access road crosses a portion of the reclaimed area (approximately 0.62 acres). According to the approved permit, the access road requires reclamation at the time the mine is closed. The Division has also received correspondence from SITLA concurring with the release of this acreage.

In 2003, when your reclamation surety was last updated, the Division did not include any amount for reclamation of these 10.14 acres, since the work had already been completed and it appeared that the revegetation effort would be successful. Therefore, there is no surety reduction involved with this release. The \$25,000 surety currently held is for reclamation of the remaining 7.14 acres

Your release by the Division from further mining or reclamation responsibilities on the 10.14 acres reclaimed in 2002, is conditioned upon receipt of amending your Notice with a new map that removed this area from the disturbed area.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please contact me at (801) 538-5258 or Lynn Kunzler at 538-5310. Thank you for your time and consideration in completing the required reclamation.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White
Mine Program Coordinator
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: John Blake, SITLA -(ML-29434)

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